

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 are currently pending. Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 10. Claims 1 and 3-9 and 12-14 have been canceled. New claims 15-21 have been added and find support throughout the specification, as filed, for example, paragraphs [0053], [0056], [0058], [0059], [0068], and [0069].

The amendment of the claims is made solely to obtain expeditious allowance of the instant application and not for reasons related to patentability. Amendment of the claims is made without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications hereof containing the canceled or amended claims. The amendments add no new matter, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 is objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowability of claim 14. Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14, now canceled. Accordingly, this objection has been overcome.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bawendi et al. (U.S. 6,617,583).

Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection is now moot, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejection

Claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bawendi et al. (U.S. 6,617,583).

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14, now canceled. Therefore, this rejection is now moot, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (541) 335-0070.

Respectfully submitted,

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